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## UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

Board of Trustees

March 23, 1977

Bangor, Maine

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: April 27, 1977

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PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE

Present: Francis Brown, H. Sawin Millett, Jr., John Quinn;  
Staff: Richard Eustis.

Francis Brown convened the meeting as Acting Chairman.

The minutes of the Physical Plant Committee of February 23, 1977 were accepted.

Maintenance Program. The Committee members held an extensive discussion about the long standing need for improved maintenance practices within the University System. The listing of maintenance projects prepared by the staff as a result of the request by the Finance Committee was reviewed. Trustee Brown explained some of the background behind the problem starting with a report written by Trustee Page when he was Chairman of the Physical Plant Committee and following through some of the Legislative Requests for additional maintenance funding. Discussion also was held on the use of capital appropriations to solve major maintenance problems and the need for adequate maintenance reserves. The consensus of the Committee members present was that there is a need for an improved standard of maintenance of University owned facilities. The Committee requested the staff to develop a draft policy on facility maintenance which would assure the physical properties of the University would be adequately maintained and the University would not have to depend on capital appropriations to solve emergency maintenance problems.

Other Business.

1. Mr. Eustis informed the Committee of recent correspondence between Mr. Sullivan and the Congressional Delegation regarding Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. It was explained that this law, once fully implemented, would require both programs and facilities to be fully accessible to the physically handicapped. Mr. Eustis reported that based on material published by NACUBO, the cost to the University to fully comply with the draft regulations might run between \$6 and \$10 million.

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2. Mr. Eustis informed the Committee that the State law on OSHA had a full implementation date of July 1, 1977. After that date, the University could be liable for fines for non-compliance with the OSHA Standards. Based on preliminary cost estimates by the University and figures published by NACUBO, the cost to the University to fully comply with all OSHA Standards might run as high as \$20 million. This high figure is because many of the older buildings may need new electrical systems, changes in ventilation, and new stairwells.

Adjournment.

Richard A. Eustis  
for

JoAnne R. Magill  
Interim Clerk